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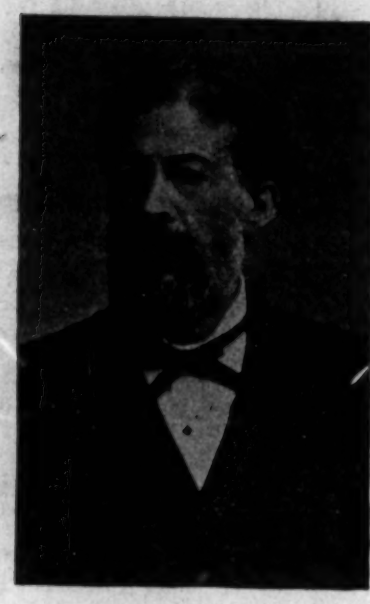
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LANGSTON IS DEAD.
THE COUNTRY LOSES A STATESMAN,
LAWYER, ORATOR, AND DIPLOMAT.



Be useful citizens.
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When you have a friend keep him.
Don't be alarmed when you are right.
President McKinley will abolish the civil service.
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The musical committee has been appointed.
Othello's occupation is almost gone.

There is a two cornered fight for Justice Scott's place.

There is one colored candidate for Judge Kimball's place on the bench.
He will retire gracefully.

When you know it all keep some of it back.

There is another day to tell your story.

When you laugh the world laughs with you, when you weep, you weep alone.

Never desert your friends.

It is a dangerous thing to change horses going across a river.

True friendship is a pride; treachery is as bad a thievery.

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The colored trustees called on Col. Ross to vindicate their action.
It was a small thing to do.

If Mr John F. Cook would attend to his own business he would be doing what is right.

Well, back numbers must come to the front occasionally to let you know they are not dead.

Look out for the registership.
Mark Hanna means fight.

He will return to the Senate.
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LANGSTON DEAD.

Hon. John Mercer Langston has been called to his last account. Perhaps there has not been a man of the race whose experience in public life has been more varied or honorable. From slavery to school, thence through law practice, exalted diplomatic position, Congressional honor and responsibility. Prof. Langston has evinced the possibilities of the negro whose character is grounded in a love of humanity, of race and country, when aided by strong intellectual powers, moral courage and an unconquerable will. As a man, whether among young men, wise counselors, astute politicians or educators he ever remained the same dignified, manly and impressive character. In his domestic relations he was the bright orb, around which rolled in sweet harmony the dear but lesser lights, to brighten, to strengthen and to foster filial love and happiness. He was especially fond of the association of young men who loved him and emulated his example because of the unselfishness he always displayed and the wise course he administered. The race will miss him and for those who for years have clustered around his magnificent personality at the home circle, the loss will be irreplaceable. Who can fill his place is not now known, but he who doeth all things well, will trust raise up a character for us at least as good and great as that of John Mercer Langston.

It is quite early in the senatorial canvass for the enemies of Senator Hanna to be prophesying his defeat. Senator Hanna is not to be scared off by the wild and fiendish demonstrations of the opposition. He has earned re-election upon an unequivocal arrangement in which the party pledged its honor in open convention and long before the snow shall have melted on the dome of the Capitol at Columbus. Mark Hanna will be warming his seat and taking a warm interest and active part in the legislation of the country. It will be a "hot time in old town" when the legislature meets and Mark Hanna will be stricken in it.

A FULL JAIL.

It is hardly necessary for the people to ask why a new judge in the Police Court is necessary. All they have to do is to visit the jail and workhouse and ask some of the inmates who sent them there.

JUDGE SCOTT.

The remarks of Judge Scott at the memorial meeting held in the Police Court on last Monday, were full of pathos, honesty and sincerity. They were the words of an honest man, who has the manhood to recognize merit. Judge Scott has endeared himself to the people since he has been on the bench.

Trustee Bruce wants it distinctly understood that he is no wise connected with the committee having charge of the musical directorship. Superintendent Cook, is also out of it. The musical committee alone will have to bear the burden of this examination.

LEFT-HANDED ECONOMY.

Extension and improvement are urgently needed in every department of our school system. In the academic as well as in the industrial departments we are in need of new teachers and more of the improved appliances to facilitate instruction and insure proper education. Every year an increased appropriation is asked for, yet, while in the management of the white schools every available cent is used up, those in charge of our colored schools can return to the treasury every year a large sum in the shape of unexpended balance. And this, too, while we are asking for more money. It seems to us that the foolish practice of withholding money which should be applied to needed reforms and improvements of the system, parades more of parsimony than of economy. It is hoped that our trustees will find a place for all the money which Congress appropriates and that the Superintendent will make such suggestions in the line of extension and improvement as will make the expenditure of the entire school fund necessary. By this means we can consistently ask for more money.

That fearless and patriotic negro journal, The Vindicator, published at Columbus, Ohio, and edited by Ralph W. Tyler, one of the most pungent writers in the country, utters a simple truth when it says that the colored people of the United States ask and expect the appointment of Hon. B. K. Bruce, as Register of the Treasury. Recognizing Mr. Bruce as the greatest living negro, it feels that this appointment would be in an important sense a recognition of the growth and advancement of the race. Editor Tyler enjoys and deserves the confidence of the republican party of the State of Ohio and what he says is entitled to great weight and consideration. The BEE fully shows the opinion of its distinguished contemporary.

The Leavenworth Herald, which is generally correct in its statements relative to race matters is slightly in error when it names Col. Youngblood, third auditor of the treasury as a colored man. Col. Youngblood is an unadulterated white man and a member of the national committee from Alabama.

OUR NORMAL SCH. OL.

In an article published in these columns two weeks ago we ventured to suggest a means of obviating unfavorable comment upon the management of the Normal School. The suggestion bearing upon the constitution of a committee to select questions and conduct the examinations we think practicable and highly necessary as a means of stimulating competition and inspiring confidence. We would also suggest that the pupils of the Normal School be required to practice in the various schools throughout the city, thus enabling them to meet the various shades of intellect and temperament and thus to adequately prepare them for duty. To connect their observation and training to one school and one set of children is, in our opinion, manifestly injudicious and hurtful.

The industrial departments of the school system need reforms, and that badly. It remains to be seen whether we are to squander money on a side show or to unite to make the various departments productive of good result.

Col. S. A. Perkins, the genial and able assistant secretary of the National Committee, deserves well of the party. Through his influence and untiring energy many voters in the various states were induced to go home to help swell the republican majorities. The part he played in the recent campaign indicates that he is an astute politician, who promises to reach an exalted position in the councils of the party leaders. The state of Washington may yet call into requisition the splendid capabilities of the young secretary, by honoring him with their votes for a representative office. At least we hope so.

THE PROPER MAN.

Hon. James E. Boyd, of North Carolina, assistant attorney general, is favorably mentioned as a successor to Attorney General McKenna, who is slated to go on the Supreme bench, vice Justice Field, who is to be retired in December. Hon. J. E. Boyd is well equipped to fill the position as attorney general, and the southern republicans are a unit for him.

President McKinley would give additional recognition and encouragement to the national republican party in the south by acceding to the wishes and just claims of the party in the south, which is solidly in favor of Mr. Boyd's appointment as attorney general.

Some of our contemporaries seem a little confused as to the reasons which moved Dr. Elbert to decline a consulship tendered him by the administration. It is all very simple, Dr. Elbert, unfortunately, failed to pass the examination required of applicants for consulship.

MRS. TERRELL SUE.

The suit brought against Mrs. Mary Church-Terrell is to be regretted. The BEE is more inclined to believe that the lady trustee has been imposed upon, and misled to do things that will cause her great embarrassment.

The charge she made against Mr. Cook was unnecessary. If Mrs. Terrell had a candidate for musical director she could have supported him without a brass band procession. There is but one thing for the Commissioners to do, and that is retire Mrs. Terrell from the board of school trustees.

A lady, who was admitted by all, at one time, has by her own acts caused herself to become unpopular among the masses. The BEE would advise the lady, if she will accept THE BEE's advice, to compromise this suit.

THE EXAMINATION NOT PRACTICAL.

From what THE BEE could ascertain about the recent examination for musical director it was not at all a practical one. Notwithstanding it is presumed that Prof. Layton stood a higher examination than Mrs. Alice Strange-Davis and, if what is reported be true, some one will be called upon to explain.

There was too much interest manifested by some one in authority in one of the candidates. It was also prevalent that suggestions made to others were not in good faith.

It is quite evident that explanations will be in order, and the charge that young Cook has made will cause greater explanations if, what is attempted, is carried into effect.

NOT SATISFIED.

There seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction as to the methods that were adopted in the recent examination for musical director. Mr. Morsell one of the committee knows nothing about school music and while Mr. Xander is a fine gentleman, it is the opinion of many that some of his questions might have been left unasked. As to Miss Wilson, The BEE will not say at this time, all it knows as to her interest in one of the candidates. There will undoubtedly be a big howl after the committee reports. The examination was far from being practical.

DEMANDING JUDGE KIMBALL'S REMOVAL.

There is a popular demand for the removal of Judge Kimball from the Police Court. The BEE still maintains that the removal of Judge Kimball from the Police Court is an absolute necessity from a judicial standpoint and it is hoped that the President will see the importance of it.

The District democrats are being well cared for under the District government.

LANGSTON IS DEAD.

THE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT AND STATESMAN PASSES AWAY—JUSTICES BINGHAM AND SCOTT MAKE EULOGISTIC SPEECHES—THE COURT ADJOURNS IN HIS HONOR—THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR PAY HIM TRIBUTE.

Ex-Congressman John Mercer Langston, the Statesman and lawyer, died at his residence, 2225 Fourth Street northwest, at 8:30 o'clock Monday night. He was surrounded by his entire family in his last hours, his four children having been summoned to his bedside.

Mr. Langston came home from a professional visit to Maryland last week, where he had been engaged upon some lawsuits. He was broken down physically and in great need of rest, which he expected to obtain at his home. He was also slightly affected with malaria, and while in that condition was seized last Thursday with an attack of acute indigestion. His condition at once became alarming. He grew unconscious, and the attending physician could offer no immediate assurances to his family, and it was then that telegrams were sent to the two sons and daughter. On Saturday, when his two sons, Arthur D. Langston, principal of the Dumas colored school of St. Louis, and Ralph Langston, a resident of New York, arrived at the old home, they found their father greatly improved and were given hopes by the attending physician, who regarded his recovery as a matter only of such time as would be required to again build up his broken down system. On Sunday, Mrs. Nettie Napier, the daughter, arrived from Nashville, Tenn., finding her father in about the same condition as he was on Saturday.

About 10 o'clock Monday morning he suddenly took a turn for the worse, and his condition was at once regarded as dangerous. The attending physicians announced a few hours later that the last attack would undoubtedly prove fatal and all the hopes of his recovery were abandoned. He sank gradually, and at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening breathed his last.

BEGAN LIFE A SLAVE.

Mr. Langston was one of the foremost men in the country, having been honored with high positions locally and nationally. He was born a slave in 1829 in Louisa County, Virginia. When about six years of age he was emancipated, and his owner, who died about that time, provided quite liberally for him as well. He was later sent to Ohio, where his education was entrusted to W. D. Gooch, a neighbor of Mr. Langston's owner, who had also liberated his slaves and gone to Ohio to live.

When Mr. Langston was about ten years of age Mr. Gooch started for Missouri, taking Langston with him, but suit was brought against Gooch, charging him with abduction, the late Allen G. Thurman, then a rising young lawyer, prosecuting. The trial resulted in prohibiting the removal of young Langston from the State. He was sent to school in Cincinnati, and in 1848 entered Oberlin College, passing through the preparatory, collegiate, and theological departments, graduating from the last named in 1852. He had no intention of entering the clerical profession, but studied theology to increase his range of knowledge and better prepare himself for the bar. Not being able to gain admission to a regular law school, he pursued his studies in the office of Mr. Philomen Bliss, of Elyria, in which town he was first admitted to practice. Mr. Langston had the honor of being the first of his race to be admitted to the bar in the West, and the first to be elected to office on a popular vote in this country, the office being that of clerk of the townships of Brownhelm and Russia, which he held from 1852 to 1855. He practiced law successfully for twelve years in Ohio and was for eleven years a member of the Board of Education of Oberlin.

PROMINENT AS AN EDUCATOR.

He left Oberlin and went to Washington to accept the office of General Inspector of Education under the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, in which capacity he served for over three years, visiting all the principal points in the South, addressing wherever he stopped large assemblies of white and colored people. In 1868, he accepted the professorship of the law department of Howard University, was afterward elected Vice President and acting President, and had conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. He served for nearly seven years as a member of and attorney for the Board of Health of the District of Columbia, and from 1877 to 1885 was Minister and Consul General to Haiti. On his return to this country in 1885, he became President of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute at Petersburg, Va., where he remained for three years, when he was elected to the Fifty-first Congress.

Since his career in Congress, Mr. Langston had been engaged in the practice of law in this city. He was foremost in the advocacy of the rights of his race and was ever ready to protect the helpless against injustice and oppression. He was a staunch republican, an unwielded a powerful influence among his people. He took part in national and State politics and was an eloquent and forceful speaker.

IN COURT.

The death of the late John M. Langston was formally called to the attention of Judge Scott Tuesday morning in the Police Court, by W. Calvin Chase, a few days ago, said Mr. Chase, the members of the bar were called upon to take action on the death of Judge Miller. Today the speaker had to call attention to the demise of a friend and benefactor, and a most distinguished American citizen.

The deceased was a friend of young men, Mr. Chase went on to say. He was a humanitarian, loved, and respected by all. In his death, said he, a friend and a distinguished member of the bar had passed away.

Mr. Campbell Carrington next addressed the court. A few days ago, he said, "the colored members of this bar gathered to pay a tribute of respect to a man of my race and their

friend, Judge Miller. I now desire to pay a tribute of respect to a man of their race and their friend. I had known Mr. Langston from childhood, and he was a true friend; brave, chivalrous and true. He was regarded as a great man, not only here, but throughout the country at large. And, withal, he was a Christian."

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The resolutions set forth that in the death of Mr. Langston the country has lost an able and useful representative, the community a respected citizen, the bar an able and brilliant advocate, and his family a good and loving husband and father.

Condolence and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family were extended in the resolutions.



JOHN A. MOSS.

Attorney John Moss said he had known Mr. Langston since 1866. "He was the embodiment of all that was good," said Mr. Moss. "No man can be great unless he is good." His address was sympathetic and eloquent.

Assistant District Attorney, James L. Pugh, Jr., speaking as a representative of the District government and in his individual capacity, said that the deceased was indeed a representative man and faithful to every trust confided in him.

After Attorney J. M. Ricks had addressed the court, briefly, speaking of Mr. Langston as the friend of all men, Attorney Thomas L. Jones, the law partner and intimate friend of the deceased, arose.

"John Mercer Langston, the greatest living colored American, has fallen," he began. "He was a father to me." At this point Mr. Jones was so affected by emotion that he was unable to proceed. This was a sad and effective scene. It was fully ten minutes before Lawyer Jones regained himself. His remarks caused tears to flow from the eyes of many who filled the court room.

JUDGE SCOTT'S TRIBUTE.

From the bench Judge Scott said he considered it an honor to endorse the resolutions that had been offered. "I was born and reared in Virginia," said Judge Scott, "and have been acquainted with Mr. Langston's people since infancy. I rejoice in the position taken in this country by the colored people. Mr. Langston had been my friend for thirty years, and I esteem him very highly. We have lost a great friend and a distinguished lawyer. His fame glories the universe. His is a name recorded as a friend of humanity wherever civilization has spread. His exemplary life was an inspiration to all men. His name will live in the hearts of the young men of the country as an everlasting inspiration." Judge Scott arose from his seat when he spoke and his remarks were clear and eloquent. He spoke of Mr. Langston as a man, scholar and an American citizen.

The court room was crowded with spectators of all classes and nationalities, and not an eye was dry in the court room.

In the Criminal Court No. 1 the death of Mr. Langston was announced by Mr. R. S. Smith, who moved that when the court adjourned it do so in respect to the memory of the deceased. That action was taken.

A executive committee of Virginia Republican Association decided Tuesday to call a meeting for that evening at their headquarters, for the purpose of taking suitable action relative to the death of Mr. Langston.

The funeral services were held in the Metropolitan church, Thursday afternoon. Rev. Sterling N. Brown officiated, assisted by Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, of Shiloh Baptist church; Rev. F. J. Grimkie, of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian church; Rev. Johnson, of the Metropolitan church; and Dr. J. E. Rankins, of Howard University. Ex-Senator H. W. Blair was introduced and spoke feelingly and eloquently of the deceased.

Prof. J. T. Layton, of the Metropolitan choir, furnished the music and sang a very pretty solo, also did Mr. Sumner Wormley. The choir rendered some very impressive music.

Col. M. M. Holland and Lawyer T. L. Jones managed the funeral. The casket was furnished by funeral director Wright, which was a handsome black.

The church was packed with many distinguished citizens, and even the little school children came to the house and church to pay honor to the distinguished dead.

After the services at the church the body was taken to Harmony cemetery and placed in the receiving vault. It is likely that Mrs. Langston, the widow will remove to Nashville, where she will live with her daughter, Mrs. Napier, and in that event it is understood her husband's body will be buried at Nashville.

The following served as pallbearers: Messrs. W. Calvin Chase, R. H. Terrell, J. M. Ricks, T. B. Warrick, R. S. Smith and Dr. H. W. Haskins.

The honorary pallbearers selected were: B. K. Bruce, John F. Cook, Recorder H. P. Cheatham, Charles R. Douglas, P. B. S. Pinchback, W. H. A. Wormley, Dr. Charles B. Purvis and John P. Green.

The public schools in the city were closed half day to enable the children to attend the funeral. Mr. Langston was respected by the entire American people.

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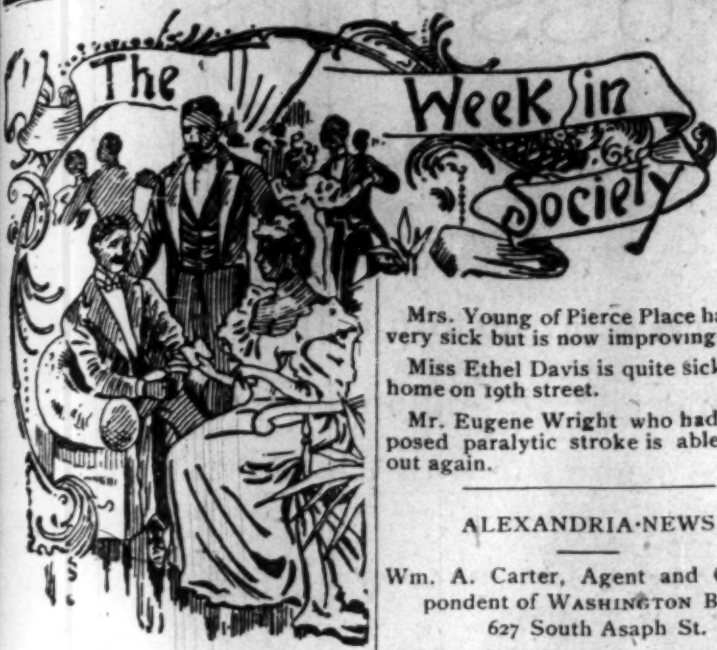
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Mrs. Young of Pierce Place has been very sick but is now improving.

Miss Ethel Davis is quite sick at her home on 19th street.

Mr. Eugene Wright who had a supposed paralytic stroke is able to be out again.

ALEXANDRIA-NEWS.

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The exit of Miss Fox leaves Roberts Chapel without an organist.

We admire Agnes Carroll's letter of last issue, but it must be remembered that too much steam has been known to burst boilers.

Capt. Daniel M. Chinn, the headwaiter of the Hygie Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Va., remains ill at his residence. His children from New England have been summoned home.

The Aeolian Concert Company has elected officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. Sellers, of Loudoun County, has been assisting Rev. Gaines at the revival services at Roberts Chapel for three weeks.

To-morrow will be the red letter day with the A. F. A. M. of this city. The grand master of the State will be here, and also Rev. R. H. Robinson, ex-grand master of the District of Columbia, who will preach a sermon at the Methodist Church in the evening, and as there are about twenty-five young men who have just connected themselves with the order, who will make their Masonic debut, great interest is being manifested.

The news of the illness and death of Prof. John M. Langston was received in Alexandria with profound regret, as he had many friends and admirers here for whom he had served on several occasions gratuitously in the interest of the race, and that together with his many other good qualities enables our people to believe that in the loss of Langston we have lost one absolutely without a rival. The bereaved family have the tender sympathy of the people of Alexandria generally.

BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

The marriage of Charles W. B. Mansfield and Miss Bertha L. Truatt was a recent attraction at the Alfred Street First Baptist Church. Rev. Alexander Truatt, father of the bride, assisted by Rev. Gibbons, of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., officiated. The church was filled with relatives and admiring friends to its utmost capacity, and the event was considered one of the most brilliant in Alexandria for some time.

The bride wore a beautiful dress of albatross, with trimmings of lace and pearls, and carried a large bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaids, Miss Lillie E. Truatt and Miss Annie Corbin, were dressed in henrietta, fish-net trimmings, with satin ribbons, and carried pink chrysanthemums, while the groom and Mr. Robert Mansfield, the brother of the groom, and Hon. W. H. S. Saddle, the best man, wore the usual conventional black, accompanied by the flower girls Beatrice and Ada Truatt, made a beautiful scene, while Mendelssohn's wedding march was beautifully rendered by Miss Minnie Gibbons, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Jesse Madden, Mr. John Parker, and Mr. John Madella acted as ushers, and made all as comfortable as possible.

The reception was held at the residence of Rev. Truatt, the former home of Rev. Foster, on Princess street, and was a grand affair. A large number of friends were present from distant cities, among whom were Mrs. C. C. Storum, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Mary Burke, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Cornelia Johnson, Miss Ida Thomas, Miss Bessie Clark, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Allie Mansfield, of Washington, D. C., and also Capt. W. H. Anderson, of the Reformer, Richmond, Va.

The presents were numerous, costly, handsome and beautiful, (too numerous to mention,) among which was the bride's cake, baked by the famous Virginia cake-baker, Linwood Minor, of Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. Mansfield is a native of Orange County, and at present engaged in the city of magnificent distances, and will reside here. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield to Old Alexandria.

EXAMINATION FOR MUSIC DIRECTOR.

The examination for music director, which the Bee has been agitating for several months, took place in the trustee board room, at Franklin School Building, on last Wednesday morning. The committee that was appointed consisted of three white musicians.

This was done to prevent any unfavorable comment or public criticism against the committee. The committee on music, consisting of Mrs. Terrell and Rev. Brown, appointed the committee. Those who entered the examination were Prof. J. T. Layton, T. L. Furby, Henry Grant and Mrs. Alice-Strange Davis. The outlook points to a harmonious agreement. Whoever the successful candidate may be, there will leave a vacancy, to which position Mr. Joseph H. Douglass is a fine musician, and would no doubt be a valuable acquisition to the schools.

CONGREGATIONALISTS IN SESSION.

CONFERENCE OF THE WASHINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

The thirty-first meeting was held Tuesday, November 16th, in the Fifth church, Eighth and I streets n. e., Rev. Adam Reoch pastor. In the absence Mr. J. B. Sleman, Jr., Mr. D. M. Henderson, of Baltimore, acted as scribe. The following officers for the ensuing term were elected: Moderator, D. M. Henderson; Scribe, J. B. Sleman, Jr. (re-elected); Treasurer, Earnest L. Howard, (re-elected).

At the morning session the questions before the house were: "Do our mid-week prayer meetings have a great influence upon our church work, and the lives of our members as they should?" The discussion was opened by Rev. S. M. Newman "Our Sunday School literature;" discussion opened by Rev. T. M. Beadenkoff. "Who should constitute our Sunday evening congregation?" Discussion opened by Rev. Sterling N. Brown.

At 12:30 the entire audience was invited to dinner in an upper room. The ladies and friends of the church had everything in abundance. They are entitled to much praise for the taste displayed, and the quality of the dinner. There were not many, if any, who did not avail themselves of the opportunity of enjoying the dinner. No one seemed to have lost any appetite.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. A. P. Miller. Addresses on different subjects were delivered by Prof. Isaac Clark, D. D., Prof. J. S. Ewell, D. D., and Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D. The Lords supper was administered by Revs. M. Ross Fishburn and C. H. Crawford.

The evening session was opened with song service and devotional exercises, followed by an address, "The Kingdom," by Rev. B. L. Whitman, D. D., president Columbian University. Rev. E. Lawrence Hunt, assistant of New York Avenue Presbyterian church, conducted a quiet hour, thus terminating one of the most pleasant meetings held by the Congregationalists.

MRS. TERRELL SUES.

WILLIAM A. COOK, WILL DEFEND HIS CHARACTER.

Mrs. Mary Church-Terrell, a trustee of the public schools, with her husband, Robert H. Terrell, was sued for slander Tuesday by William A. Cook, a music teacher. Ten thousand dollars is the damage named in his suit. Attorneys for the plaintiff, are H. M. Earle and D. W. Baker.

The plaintiff maintains that he is a person of good name, credit and reputation, and that he is a music teacher and musician in good standing. Cook was an applicant for the position of music director in the public schools at the time of the alleged slander. Plaintiff aims that on or about September 15, 1897, the defendant "did publish, proclaim and speak to divers persons the following base and scandalous matter of and concerning the plaintiff." He is morally unfit; I cannot support him for the position. His moral character is bad. He drinks."

Plaintiff claims that he has suffered great anxiety of mind and has been and is greatly injured in his good name and reputation, and in his profession as a musician. He claims also that he was injured and prevented in obtaining the position he sought.

A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

Among one of the first fashionable weddings to take place in Alexandria for some years past occurred at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, November 17th, at Roberts Chapel M. E. Church. This handsome and spacious edifice was filled before the hour. The contracting parties were Mr. Willis A. Madden, of Howard University, and also an employee of the city post office, Washington, D. C., and a son of the late Rev. Samuel Madden, of this city, and Miss Carrie L. Dogan, the daughter of the late Leonard Dogan, of this city, and a representative of one of the first families of Virginia.

It was a beautiful marriage, with a special program prepared by the organist for the occasion, Professor Thomas L. Furby, the musical teacher in the Washington public schools. When the hour arrived for the ceremony, promptly at 8 o'clock, the organist played the "Bridal Chorus." The bride and groom entered the church. The bride, with her brother, William A. Dogan, preceded by the ushers and maids of honor. The ushers meeting the groom and his best man at the chancel. As the bridal party moved down the aisle Mendelssohn's wedding march was very creditably performed.

Rev. Wm. H. Gaines, the pastor, officiating. Prof. George W. Cook, of Howard University, was best man, assisted by Prof. Charles S. Syphax, Prof. George W. Lightfoot, and Dr. C. Madden Butler.

The bride was attired in a handsome white satin and tulle veil, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. The maids of honor were Miss Lena Young, of Baltimore, M. D., white silk and point lace; Miss Jennie Madden, white organdie; Miss Sallie Tancil, white organdie and lace trimmings; Miss Georgia Cupid, white silk and chiffon trimmings. The bouquets carried by the maids of honor were very handsome. The groom, his best man and assistant, wore pretty little flowers; it must be stopped, and that speedily, for too many inoffensive souls are sent to eternity without time to repent or prove their innocence. You can violate the constitution of the United States, but you can never stop the intellectual progress of the negro. We are coming eight and a half million strong. We are a forgiving and merciful people to our enemies. We pray for those that spitefully use us. Let us alone, and God being our helper, in thirty more years we will be found in the front ranks of all nations, in every capacity of human life except lynching.

If our white friends North and South that fear negro domination will let the negro alone, and educate all men to vote according to the dictates of pure conscience, we will soon have a democracy.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Editor of the Bee:

Kindly publish in your paper that Edward D. Hayes is not a student of the Dental Department of Howard University.

Very respectfully,

F. J. SHADD, M. D., Secretary.

COMPLAINT AGAINST REV. GIBBONS.

HIS SERMON DID NOT PLEASE.

Editor of the Bee:

Knowing that you are always for the right, and especially for the protection of the widows and orphans of our noble heroes who offered their lives for their country, I beg leave that my opinion may find space in your valuable paper for expression. Never did I witness a more unbecoming, unmanly, ungentlemanly, unchristianlike and abusive funeral sermon than was attempted to be preached by Rev. Wm. Gibbons, of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, on last Monday. Not only was it one of the characters above named, but it was insult added to injury.

Respectfully,

W. E. BRUCE.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE NEGRO.

TO STOP THE NEGRO VOTING.

Editor of the Bee:

With your kindness I wish to occupy a small space in your paper in answer to an article I have just read pertaining to the disfranchising of my race in the State of Louisiana.

As I am well acquainted with the managers and staff of your spicy news giver, I lay nothing at your door. You did more than your honorable duty in publishing the said interview of a distinguished citizen of the Gulf State, Mr. Hearsey. He tells the Christianized and civilized world that ballot-boxes are stuffed because negroes exercise the rights of franchise in his State. If this statement is true, I blush and lament. But as a Southern negro, knowing the whites and blacks as I do, I am free to admit the truth of a few statements in the gentleman's interview. I admit the good, but the devil can take the bad.

The white man of the South is the negro's friend in trouble, adversity and education. But I wish to ask Mr. Hearsey a few simple questions:

First: With the amendments to the constitution of Louisiana, as mentioned in your interview, will it disqualify a negro to vote in the past saved your State from corrupt rulers and sent democrats to Congress?

Second: Will it republicanize, democratize or demoralize labor?

Third: If the black vote is taken away, will that purify the ballot? If so, how is it in the North where a black ballot is hard to find?

Fourth: Is it not a fact that the negro vote in the past saved your State from corrupt rulers and sent democrats to Congress?

Fifth: Is it retaliation for the white man to give to the negro the fruits of the labor of their forefathers by helping to educate them?

Sixth: Is not intelligent labor better than ignorant labor, let it be white or black?

Seventh: What great crimes have the negro committed in politics; did not the white man teach him all he knows?

Eighth: Who protected your mothers, wives and daughters while you were defending your cause?

Ninth: How many white females were outraged throughout the entire South by negroes left at home; were not your all left to our mercy?

Tenth: Did we not help you to build up your lost wealth?

I wish to inform the public that I am not objecting to education and property qualification, as every man should know how to cast an intelligent ballot. I am only sorry to see that such laws are made for the negro, and him only. I am free to admit that such laws will be a blessing instead of a curse to my people. It will stimulate them to get an education and save money. If we, as American citizens, are required such qualifications, the government should restore to us the money of the constitution. We do not seek to control State or national affairs; we only ask for what justly belongs to us, and never get that. We are here and can't get elsewhere. We will divide our politics and trust God for justice. No stumbling block will prevent the black eagle from stretching forth her wings.

When the negro cease to exercise the rights of franchise, then comes the tug of war between the whites of the South. It has been the negro vote that kept white men together, and wherever the negro is disfranchised there you find hostility and much confusion. The negro has manfully submitted to every besetment and damnable cruelty since emancipation. Nothing has marred our progress; yet with all of this we do not wish to rule over anyone. It is true we imitate the character and traits of white men, the bad as well as the good. Let us alone, and in a short time no one will be ashamed of our citizenship. All we ask is equal rights in every branch of life. I know that we are divided on race lines; whether we like it or not, it exists. I believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

I wish to inform Mr. Hearsey that the native Southern negro will never give the dominant race any cause for alarm, only in time of lawlessness. We will not submit to lynch law always; it must be stopped, and that speedily, for too many inoffensive souls are sent to eternity without time to repent or prove their innocence. You can violate the constitution of the United States, but you can never stop the intellectual progress of the negro. We are coming eight and a half million strong. We are a forgiving and merciful people to our enemies. We pray for those that spitefully use us. Let us alone, and God being our helper, in thirty more years we will be found in the front ranks of all nations, in every capacity of human life except lynching.

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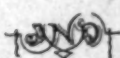
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Education teaches politeness, but so-called teachers of education practice what they preach.

The person who teaches one thing and does the contrary is a hypocrite. Address your communication to the society editor. However, I am not objecting to women lawyers; that is, I don't like to see them pleading in court. When a woman attempts to do everything a man does, it has a tendency to lower the estimate of her. The Police Court is no place for a woman in any capacity.

Flirtation demonstrates a woman's character. Acquaintanceship flirts with a man that he will not be of that kind would not suit him. Mary—If you think you will be satisfied you had better consult your parents and inform them that the young man is about to ask for you. By allowing him to ask before you consent to prepare. Your parents will refuse and as they are the better judge, you both should consult them. I don't approve of marriage without parental consent, for when they refuse, they usually see a flaw.

Business—Because you do not like the girl, is no reason why you should be courteous while in a business place. When will our women learn to sense.

Oh—No, I do not approve of being friendly towards a person when you dislike him. No one but a despicable person could act this way.

I am of the opinion that a woman should marry a widow, and not an old maid. Of the two I would advise you to accept the attention of the widow. Bachelors are never, fickle beings and are hard to understand. I would not recommend widowers or grass-widows to any one.

Be more steadfast. If you are subjected to office going to school and one. It is impossible to take a course, study pharmacy and work in the government service and be successful of all.

Just why Mrs. Terrell resigned the control of the Love Joy school, I suppose, best known to herself. She gave her reason at the board meeting, which was positive. Oh yes, she is a thoroughly educated woman, but just whether or she is easy to approach, I am not sure.

Mr. Brown's point to confine the edition of musical director to the four corners now in school, was well taken. We are to have an examination, and of the opinion that the one who takes the highest percentage should be the place, be it a woman or man. One of the contestants naturally gave a gift for music, while the others were book-learned.

A good housekeeper, knows how to economize and once recognized this spirit in a house-wife, the husband will entrust his saving to her.

Girls never see their folly until it is late. Don't be carried away with man because he spends his money freely, for such men usually do so to leave an impression.

It is not customary for a gentleman to give a lady anything in the way of wearing apparel as a present. We know some to give gloves, but not approve of it.

Never speak ill of a person without cause. Money makes some people the heads, and a good position in them crazy. One should never know whence he came.

Education without manners and refinement shows a lack of good home training. Good rearing doesn't always make for itself, because one out of the daughters or a son is bound to stray, matters not what the teaching may be.

I see no harm in going to the theatre. If it is against the discipline of the church, you should go, as long as you abide by the rules. I have seen steers of churches and even preachers at theatres, but this is no example to you. Where the sin comes in is in saying you will refrain and then do the contrary.

Since he seemingly likes another girl, you should break the engagement before he has a chance to. A man who tries to pay attention to two girls at once, cares for neither.

Out of a little, one should always save a little. Any one earning a regular salary can accumulate a fortune.

A good man skilled in speaking makes a fine orator. Don't consider yourself an orator because you can read well, an essay, neither think you are an elocutionist because your gestures are many.

Do not buy needless things when they are pretty and cheap. Nothing is cheap that you don't want.

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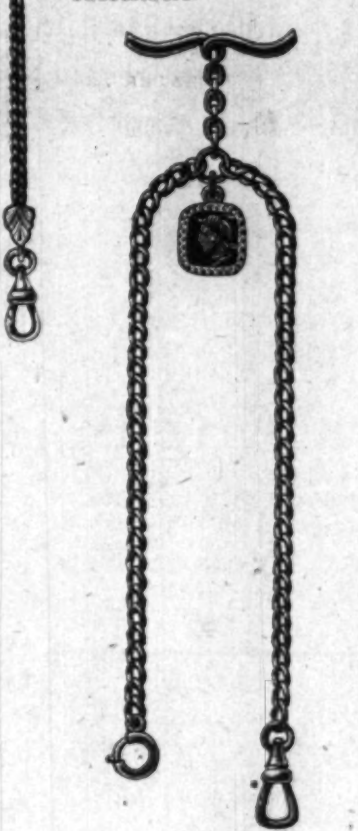
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Grand Lodge of F. A. A. Y. R.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 15, '97.

The following is issued for the information of the fraternity, viz:

First. The Grand Lodge will convene the second Wednesday in December at Masonic Hall, 419 New Jersey avenue n. w., at 8 p. m., for the purpose of winding up the business of the Masonic year.

Second. Lodges will hand in their reports to the grand secretary on or before said date, with the per capita taxation.

Third. Brethren desiring information appertaining to the constitution and laws governing the fraternity can obtain the same by applying to the grand secretary.

Fourth. No brother can be tried by commissions from the Grand Lodge outside of Worshipful Masters and Grand Master (art. 6, sections 1-13 inclusive) unless by mutual request of all parties concerned.

Fifth. The Grand Secretary can be seen at his office from 11 a. m. until 1 p. m. each day at Masonic Hall, 419 New Jersey avenue.

Sixth. Brethren will bear in mind that the BEE is our official organ, and that we are under many obligations to Bro. W. C. Chase, the editor.

By order of the Grand Lodge,
D. F. SEVILLE,
I. G. M. and G. Sec'y.

GEMS FROM THE QUARRIES.

Owing to the fact that we moved last week, and we are not yet straight, a short column is the result; better times later on.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sunday will appertain to the 18th, A. S. R., as laid off in instructions from the Prof. in charge.

We would suggest to the Bro. at the C. P. O. who says that the BEE is not reliable, to go West, because he is talking through his hat. We would further suggest that if he attended to the business of the P. O. more so than things that he knows nothing about, in the future he will be better off. It is a cold day when the BEE gets left, honey.

Sometimes people's feelings are as fine as a Damascus blade, at other times finer than the hairspring of a watch.

Owing to the fact that we moved this week, our columns are short, but next week, look out.

GRAND MASTER A. M. JONES, OF A. F. A. MASONS OF VIRGINIA.

A. M. Jones, Esq., of Norfolk, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Virginia, has written a letter to Worshipful Master Magnus L. Robinson, of Universal Lodge No. 1, accepting invitation to be present at the 52d anniversary of said lodge on Sunday night, November 21, 1897.

Universal Lodge is the oldest colored lodge in Virginia. The anniversary of "Universal" will take place at Roberts Chapel M. E. Church, Alexandria, Va., Sunday night, November 21, 1897. Rev. Sir Knight Robt. H. Robinson, 33d degree, of Cumberland, Md., will deliver the anniversary sermon. A great crowd is expected.

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For light upon dark subjects, read the BEE.

Brethren, go and see Bro. Holmes, 333 Virginia avenue s. w. Let us give him a surprise party, with camels' milk for dessert. Then follow suit by going to see Billy, the small man, Pennsylvania avenue, near Third n. w.

Solomon, upon an occasion (I don't mean Hawkins), was approached by a young man, who said: "Oh! wise king, I have a dear girl who says she loves me. The other day I kissed her and she shirked; do you think she loves me?" I don't know, says Solomon. This is one of the cases where Solomon's wisdom failed. (From the Puck.)

Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.

Who is the best Secretary in the D. C.? Ans. W. A. W.

CULLINGS.

The New Orleans Leader is after Lawyer J. Madison Vance with pitch and fork.

The Savannah Tribune complains of the colored preachers of Augusta, Ga., whom it says are endeavoring to take the political jobs by dabbling into politics.

The Afro-American is making a sad mistake in crowding into the cities and leaving the country to be occupied by foreigners. Soon the land will all be taken up, and the Afro-American will be unable to secure a home for himself and children. The possession of land is one of the great factors in the civilization and development of any race; no people without land has ever yet been able to build up a strong nationality.—Florida Evangelist.

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The journey o'er, the last white mile-stone passed
His weary feet press Beulah's flowery mead.
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Their fragrance and their beauty fair,
With many-fruited trees of love and hope
Bending beneath their precious treasured sweet;
Whereof if any man shall eat, he may not die
But live forever more at God's right hand.

So passing thro' that lovely vale of peace,
Lo the beloved statesman, seer, and sage,
Feeteth his soul upon the heavenly food,
And life and joy and hope and peace remain.
So journeying thro' the happy Beulah land,
After life's fever of unrest and care,
Searching for Nature's holy, hidden shrine
His weary feet hath found the blessed path
That leadeth straight from Nature to her God.

And so with God revealed thro' Nature fair,
He found the life immortal hid in Christ,
And gladly learned his weary-aching head
Upon the One Grand Master's loving breast,
With hand enclasped with perfect trust,
He walked upon the cool, dark waves of death;
Whose tossing billows at His Levee be still,
A sea of glass became before their feet.

So that great soul passed from this mortal life
Unto the life immortal, life for evermore,
Bowing his peerless soul to Nature's God,
He humbly worshipped and adored
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